

## MRS. JOHN ASTOR IS NEWPORT HOSTESS

Gives Dinner and Dance for Large Party at Beechwood.

### HONOR TENNIS PLAYERS

Members of Association Are Guests of the Clam-bake Club.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 24.—Newport had a quiet Sunday to-day, there not being quite so much entertaining as on some of the previous Sundays of the season. The principal entertainment of the evening was that given by Mrs. John Astor at Beechwood. Mrs. Astor had a large party of guests for dinner and others came in late for a short period of dancing after midnight. The orchestra from the Casino played during the dinner and for the dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt also had a dinner company to-night at Oakland Farm.

Two long tables were set upon the veranda and another in the dining room. After dinner the guests were taken by the hostess to the training ring building on the farm, a carpeted path having been laid from the house to the ring, and there dancing was enjoyed in the trophy room. The music was furnished alternately by the Casino orchestra and George Europe's orchestra. The trophy room and the adjoining rooms were tastefully arranged with red and white flowers and there was a profusion of small electric lights about the large effect decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt had a surprise for their guests after the dance. All were taken to the roof of the training ring building and an attractive path of white gravel, with small red and white electric lights. There was a white canvas top with lattice sides covered with growing vines. A late supper was served there.

The guests were Key Dalmatier, Dr. Henry J. Knapp, William Stewart, Hollis H. Hunnewell, Vincent Camden, William A. Hazard, Major J. M. C. Lott, William P. Burden, F. A. Gill, Louis E. Brugliere, Hermann Oelrichs, Charles E. Sands, Miss Isabelle May, Mrs. Breese, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Walker, Mrs. Oelrichs, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Paul D. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Colford, Jr., Mrs. Julian McC. Little, Monson Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Henry de Hereng.

Mrs. Henry Clegg was a dinner hostess at the Rocks to-night.

**Tennis Players' Clam-bake.**

The officials of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association and about thirty-five of the players who have been taking part in the national tournament on the Casino courts were the guests of the Newport Clam-bake Club at a dinner and dance at the clubhouse on Easton's Point.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt is to be one of the judges at the Westchester horse show. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, who has returned from Barrington, Va., will show at the Southern New England fair at New Bedford on September 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Mills of Philadelphia, who were week end guests to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Carter, left to-day for Boston and the north shore of Massachusetts, where Mr. Mills expects to play some polo.

Mrs. Richard Stevens will be the hostess of a large dinner party at the Pinard cottages to-morrow night and the dinner will be followed by a dance. The party is in honor of Miss Elsie Stevens, one of the debutantes of the season.

Miss Oliver Good Jennings is giving a dinner for forty to-morrow night and will take her guests to Mrs. Stevens' dance. Pembroke Jones and J. Russell Pope left for New York to-day on the steam yacht Narada.

R. W. Benson, Jr., of New York, a guest of William Grover, is registered at the Casino. W. T. Eldridge of New York, who is visiting his brother, Henry P. Eldridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Lee of Tuxedo also are registered at the Casino.

A dinner in honor of Miss Marie L. Rodewald of New York will be given by her uncle, Charles F. Hoffman, who will take the guests to Mrs. Stuart Duncan's barn dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius C. Vanderbilt, it is reported, will not be here for the late season as they expected to leave New York with their guests about the steam yacht Anahana.

**Domino Dance Arranged.**

Villa Rossa, the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rollins Morse, will be the scene of a domino dance to be given by Mrs. Richard T. Wilson on the evening of September 5 in honor of Mrs. Lois Cassatt and Miss Rose B. Dolan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Livingston Beckman are to have as their guest next month Miss Martha Beckman, who is returning from Europe.

Robert Grover is entertaining A. D. Chapman of Providence.

Miss Carol Harriman left for New York on the steam yacht Anahana to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lott, who are not cottagers this summer for the first time in a number of years, but are at present the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Mrs. L. L. Lott, will leave next summer. The same is said of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Ellis, who are also Newport guests at present.

**MANY LUNCHEONS AT THE PIER.**

Dr. A. J. Harpin Gives Song Recital at the Imperial.

NARABANT PIER, R. I., Aug. 24.—Motoring to various points of interest, including the nearby resorts, Newport, Bristol and Watch Hill, proved popular for outing trips to-day in the region.

Several members of the village club motored to the Point Judith Country Club and entertained at tea on the lawn.

Among those entertaining at luncheon to-day on the Casino terrace were Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Kane of New York, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dickinson of Livingston-on-the-Hudson, P. C. Inman of New York, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lussier, and a French song by the piano accompaniment by Mrs. Heaton Robertson of New Haven, Conn. Among those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Heaton R. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Lussier, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Ripley, Mrs. A. J. Harpin and Miss Dorothy Manley.

Late arrivals at the Mathewson include

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rayburn, Miss Reyburn, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lott, Miss E. H. Lott and Miss M. C. Lott of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Warner and Mrs. W. B. Strong of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins of Hartford, Conn., and R. W. Spencer and Mrs. Arthur Spencer of Boston.

Lawrence Richmond of New York has arrived at the Imperial.

Gould's "Lull From Heaven" was sung as the offertory solo by Miss Helen B. Pettit at the Sunday service to-day at St. Peter's Church by the Sea with organ accompaniment by Miss Ida Biederman of New York.

**LENOX TO SEE GOLF MATCHES.**

Seventeenth Annual Open Tournament Begins Thursday.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 24.—Women of the Stockbridge Golf Club will serve tea at the clubhouse during the week end annual open tournament, which begins Tuesday.

Thomas M. Sherman of Utica, who will defend the Stockbridge cup, E. J. Malcolm of New York, and J. C. Lott of Philadelphia, Walter R. Tuckerman and Spotswood D. Bowers, who have won the cup twice; Samuel Frothingham, David P. Dana, Frederick Palmer, Bishop A. Knight and Joseph H. Choate, Jr., will play.

George Dutton of New York is visiting Mrs. John S. Barnes at Goldbrook. Mrs. Barnes gave a small dinner in his honor last night.

Miss Ethel Rea Hague, who is a guest of the Misses Marian and Eleanor Hague, will give a concert in the Stockbridge town hall Thursday evening.

Mrs. William Amory and Miss Harriet S. Amory, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Dixey, have gone to Dublin, N. H.

Mrs. Edward F. DeLafayette, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. George W. Folsom, has returned to Noroton, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoffman are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Dietrichson, Miss Rose Dickinson and Mrs. Max Hoffman of Chicago. Later in the week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cole have returned from the home of the Dickinsons and Bullard families in Hadley and Roylston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. P. Taintor of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Hutton of Philadelphia are at the Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Astor Bristol, the Misses Symonds and Mrs. Alexander, will assist in the harvest festival of St. Ann's Church September 30. Mr. and Mrs. Bristol are and this week for Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cole have returned from the home of the Dickinsons and Bullard families in Hadley and Roylston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Walker have arrived at the Hotel Aspinwall from Jamestown, R. I.

Miss Dorothy Tracy, who was a guest of Mrs. Henry S. Kearney, has gone to Paul Smith's, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Brown have gone to Southampton, L. I.

**MRS. EBEN SUTTON IS HOSTESS.**

Gives Luncheon for Twelve Persons at Bar Harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Eben Sutton was hostess at a luncheon of twelve persons to-day.

Mrs. Lindley Garrison, wife of the Secretary of the United States Golf Association, who have been the guests of Mrs. Eben Sutton, left for Chicago, where Mrs. Garrison will be the guest of Mrs. Eben Sutton.

Miss Henrietta Shaw, who has been with Mrs. Eben Sutton since her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shaw, left for Chicago, returned yesterday to the guest of Mrs. Eben Sutton.

Mr. Catesby Jones, who has spent the last few weeks here, returned to New York to-day.

Gerald De Witte, who has been at the Lyman, left to-day for New York.

Other events include Mrs. Marcus A. Hanna's reception Tuesday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grover's dinner on Monday and Saturday evenings, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter will give a dinner on Tuesday and Mrs. William P. Draper one on Saturday.

Among those returning to New York to-day were Carley Harriman and Brinton Buckwater, who have been at the Malvern, N. Y., since their return from Europe, who have been at the Louisville, returned to New York yesterday.

A. Livingston Kean and Miss Kean, who have been at the Louisville, left for New York at the same time.

**MRS. P. D. ARMOUR ENTERTAINS.**

Gives Dinner for Grandson on Twelfth Birthday.

BRIAR CLIFF LODGE, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Philip D. Armour gave a dinner for twelve persons at the lodge on Friday in honor of the twelfth birthday of her grandson P. A. Valentine, Jr. Her guests, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harkness and their son, Harry, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lussier, came here on Mr. Valentine's yacht from Southampton.

Mrs. Armour has as over Sunday guests her grandson Philip D. Armour, J. P. Sullivan, Jr., and J. Appleton of Southampton.

Mrs. J. E. Ward Simmons has as her guests Mr. and Mrs. John P. Tilden, who have been spending the summer at Woodstock, Vt.

Mrs. George A. Schieffelin and her daughter Dorothy have returned for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Batton of New York are spending a few days here.

Mrs. Wallace Malcolm of Washington and her guests, Mrs. J. M. Lewis and Mortimer Lewis of Baltimore, are at the Lodge for the autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhardt, Arthur M. Barnhardt, Jr., Mrs. M. Florence Lazelle and L. L. Lazelle of Chicago are at the Lodge for the month of September.

**CONY ISLAND'S MARDI GRAS.**

"Six Nights of Fun and Frolic" Announced to Begin Sept. 8.

Rivalry as to who shall be King of Cony Island's Mardi Gras is already disturbing the sleep of many persons. There are now thirty-five candidates for the regal position in the carnival, which will be held during the week beginning September 8. The king, who will select his own queen, will be chosen this year by popular vote of the islanders.

This year's carnival will be the eleventh, and as usual the islanders expect it to eclipse all the previous ones.

The opening on Monday will be coronation night. After the king and queen have been crowned in the ballroom at Luna, the parade will start, about 8 o'clock. There will be a parade every evening. Tuesday night volunteer life savers from all along the coast will be in line with their apparatus. Thursday night will be the new season of horse racing and Friday will be post office night.

There will be twelve floats typifying nations. Uncle Sam will be there and Cleopatra will look up out of the sea. It is also rumored that considerable conflict may be thrown.

## Snapshots of the Promenaders at Newport



Mrs. Robert Golet (in centre) going to the Casino.

## TOURISTS BY AUTOMOBILE

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 24.—Arrivals by automobile at the Equinox Hotel include the following from New York City: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pouch and Mrs. Artland, Locomobile; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rogers, Simplex; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Keaton, Miss Ruth Keaton and Miss Anna Scudder, Peerless; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rosenberg, Packard; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Durand, Miss Holmes and Mr. Durand, Mathewson; Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearson, Chalmers; George S. Ingraham, Miss Jane A. Ingraham and Miss T. Ingraham, Packard; Mr. and Mrs. C. Langley and Miss Eleanor Langley, Landis; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hey and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Unger, Pierce.

LENOX, Mass., Aug. 24.—Motor arrivals at the Hotel Aspinwall from New York to-day include Mr. and Mrs. William B. Boulton and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boulton, Ideal tour, Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Daily, Ideal tour, Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hartmann and Miss E. H. Daily, Ideal tour, Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Joseph, Davis, James Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Davis and J. W. Stevens, en route to Bretton Woods, Lozier; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hupp, Packard; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamilton, Packard; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dustin and Frederick E. Iteed, Ideal tour, Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Richmond.

## A NEW AMERICAN SOPRANO.

Comes From Europe to Sing in "Rigoletto" for Hammerstein.

Nina Morgane, a Buffalo girl, who has been singing in Europe and who is, according to her "discoverer," Oscar Hammerstein, one of the finest sopranos ever heard, arrived yesterday by the French liner La Lorraine. She was accompanied by her sister and was met at the pier by Arthur Hammerstein, will sing in "Rigoletto" with Orville Harold and Maurice Renaud.

Mme. Emma Trentini, also a passenger by the Lorraine, will begin in Brooklyn a tour that will end next June in the "Rigoletto" at the Hammerstein.

At the New Brighton Theatre.

Alto, Duzio is to be seen at the New Brighton Theatre, which is in J. M. Barrie's pantomime "Pantalone," which she has succeeded in obtaining permission from the author to use in the American tour.

When "Claudia Sings," Anne Caldwell's new comedy with music, will be given at the Savoy Theatre, Astbury Park.

Blanche Ring will play the principal role and Harry Connor and Marion Sunshine will appear among others in her support.

At the Apollo Theatre, Atlantic City in September. Klav & Brainer will make the production. After being shown in Chicago the place, they brought here.

Owing to the many openings scheduled for Labor Day the Schuberts have postponed the first production of "Lieber Augustin" with Mrs. Wolf Hoyer and George MacFarlane at the Casino Theatre to September 3.

The first performance of "Madam President" at the Quaker Theatre, given by Fannie Ward will appear in the leading role. Associated with Miss Ward in the cast will be George Glidden, W. J. Ferguson, John W. Dean, Patti Brown, Elton Foster, Duncan McRae, Oliver Ramsdell, Millard Saunders, Minna Gombel, Jack Devereaux, Aubrey West, George Brennan, B. D. Bailey, Clarence Weymouth, Cornelius Sutcliffe, Ruth D. Sinclair, Burton Southgate and Jack Horwitz.

The entire De Koven Opera Company, which is to revive "Rob Roy" at the Liberty Theatre, has accepted an invitation of the New York Caledonian Club to be the guest of honor at the fifty-seventh annual Scottish games at Maspeth, L. I., on Labor Day.

B. F. Keith's Harlem Opera House after undergoing extensive alterations, will reopen the new season on Monday afternoon, September 1, continuing the stock policy in force during the past year.

Lois Lithwick has been engaged as the new leading woman, succeeding Eva von Luko. J. Malcolm Dunn is to be the new leading man. "The White Sister," by F. Marion Crawford, will be the opening attraction.

## ANTIS CUT SUFFRAGIST

4,000,000 VOTES IN TWO

Say Less Than Half That Number Have Franchise in the Nine States.

A statement issued to-day by the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage denies specifically the claim made by the suffragists that in their nine States they represent 4,000,000 women voters. This statement was made public by the National Association.

The census shows there are in these nine States a sum total of only 3,397,241 women, 21 years of age and over, and this total of females who have reached the age of majority is not a liberal estimate. It would be more than a liberal estimate to say that there are 2,500,000 women voters represented by the suffrage leaders. By this we mean 2,500,000 women of all conditions and nationalities who are able to vote, but the States which have granted the franchise to women estimate that, as a top figure, not more than 70 per cent. of those who register go to the polls.

Even this is a very high estimate. Two-thirds of 2,500,000 does not amount to 1,700,000. Consequently those women who arrogantly make it a point to Congress the outrageous statement that they represent 4,000,000 women voters in reality voiced the opinion of far less than 2,000,000 women. Having behind them the support of less than 2,000,000 women they claimed 4,000,000, which is 602,759 more than all the women in voting age in all the suffrage States.

**EDWARD RICE NOW IN MOVIES.**

Extravaganzas He Produced to Be Shown in Film Theatres.

Edward E. Rice has been elected president of the People's Moving Picture and Amusement Company, which was incorporated last week in New York.

The company has a capital of \$5,000,000. The company has taken over the Edward E. Rice Theatrical Production Company and opened offices in the Wilson Building.

The new concern will reproduce in the moving picture theatres several of Mr. Rice's early theatrical successes, including "Evangeline," "Conrad the Corsair," "1492," "Adonia," "Excelsior," "Hiccup," "Horrors," "Revels," "Robinson Crusoe" and "Monte Carlo."

Mr. Rice has always associated himself with extravaganzas, which are believed to be particularly adaptable to moving pictures.

**TEMPERATURES AT JERSEY RESORTS.**

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 24.—The temperature was 71 at noon here to-day.

ABSECON PARK, Aug. 24.—The temperature was 72 at noon here to-day.

## MRS. OWEN WISTER DEAD.

Wife of Novelist Victim of Heart Disease at Saunderton, N. I.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Owen Wister, wife of the novelist, died of heart disease this morning after a brief illness at Saunderton, N. I. Word of Mrs. Wister's death reached the home of John Wister, her brother, in Germantown yesterday. Until then, neither friends nor relatives had heard that she was ill.

Five children, all under 15 years of age, are left motherless. They are Mary, 14; Owen, Jr., and Francis, 13; William, 8; and Earl, 6.

Mrs. Wister was active in community betterment work, founder with Mrs. Thomas Kirkbride of the League of Good Citizenship, and one of the most prominent club women and authorities on educational civics. She was reelected last April to the presidency of the Civic Club, of which she was one of the founders.

She was a prominent member of the Contemporary Club and chairman of the State committee of civics of the American Federation of Women's Clubs.

The interests of her life lay, however, about the four homes which she had maintained for many years, at Nimitz and Pine streets, this city; at Saunderton, on Old York road and at the famous Wister ranch in Wyoming.

Mrs. Wister was Mary Channing Wister before her marriage in 1882 to her husband, Owen Wister. Her father was William Rotch Wister.

**JOHN BODEN.**

Cancer Claims Former Secretary of State Racing Commissioner.

John Boden, secretary of the State Racing Commission under five Governors, lawyer and newspaper writer, died yesterday morning at his farm in Spring Valley, N. Y., after a lingering illness. His body was taken last night to his mother's home at 465 Ninth street, Brooklyn.

Mr. Boden was born fifty-two years ago in St. John, New Brunswick, and graduated from the Academy of St. Joseph and St. Joseph's College at Montclair, N. J.

After practicing law for several years he entered the House of Commons in Canada, being the first labor member of that body.

Twenty-six years ago he came to New York and after working on several newspapers became managing editor of the New York Press.

Gov. Morton appointed Mr. Boden secretary of the State Racing Commission. He later managed racetracks in Montreal, San Francisco and New Orleans. He had a large string of horses, notable among them being Gray Eagle, Don De Oro and Fire Arm.

Mr. Boden was a contributor to Harper's, Scribner's and other magazines and was looked upon as an authority on turf matters. For several years he was confidential secretary of the racing department of the New York World.

About a year ago Mr. Boden became affected with throat trouble. When told by a noted specialist that he had an incurable cancer he remarked to his friends: "Well, boys, I guess I won't be with you six months, maybe." He is not.

Mr. Boden is survived by his mother and two brothers.

**G. H. Brewer.**

G. H. Brewer, identified for many years with the insurance business, died yesterday in his home at 201 South Orange avenue, South Orange, N. J., after a short illness.

Mr. Brewer was a prominent member of the Washington Life Insurance Company, and more recently was associated with S. M. Hard & Co., New York. He was born in 1847, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was survived by his wife and three children. The funeral services will be held at his late home to-morrow afternoon. Burial will be in the Rosedale Cemetery.

**Frank A. Hinds.**

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Frank A. Hinds, aged 83, the most prominent civil engineer and surveyor of northern New York, dropped dead near Boston Saturday night while on an automobile trip with his wife and brother.

Mr. Hinds spent practically all of his life in this city. His work was chiefly railroad and bridge building, water power development. He is survived by his wife and one brother, Oscar E. Hinds. The body will be brought here for burial.

**Michael Hayes.**

Michael Hayes, 74 years old, father of John J. Hayes, a well known contractor of Queens, died Saturday at his home, 18 West 10th street, New York City.

Mr. Hayes was born in Ireland and lived for over twenty-five years at Newburgh, N. Y. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

**Mrs. Caroline D. Fell.**

GLEN RIDGE, N. J., Aug. 24.—Mrs. Caroline D. Fell, 80 years old, widow of Mortimer L. Fell, died to-day after an illness of several weeks. She had lived in Glen Ridge for many years and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

**HORSES TIRED, WOMEN FRESH.**

Suffragists Speak From Frank Vanderbilt's Automobile.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Parkhurst and Root, the dusty steeds of the suffrage crusaders of the Women's Political Union, are resting here. Yesterday they covered the twenty miles from Highland Mills to Tomkins Cove by noon with the help of the crusaders, who pulled them up all the hills.

Capt. De Forest accepted the invitation of a laundryman and rode with his cart for about a mile with the suffragists. He had lived in the city for several years and was a member of the Episcopal Church.

The crusaders kept their noon appointment at Peekskill by crossing the Hudson in a motor boat. All the launches saluted the Votes for Women flag that flew from the fishing rod in the stern.

Independence, including the specimens of the suffrage, which were as far as suffrage was concerned, and pocketbooks only opened reluctantly.

In the evening the crusaders met with a different reception at Ossining. An enthusiastic meeting was held in the high school auditorium, which was presided over by Mrs. E. J. Nally, a recent convert to the cause.

At the invitation of Frank Vanderbilt, president of the City National Bank, the crusaders spoke from his automobile in Main street a crowd of several hundred people gathered to hear them.

The crusaders were in the city for the night. At 9 A. M. on Tuesday they will reach the city limits and will be accompanied by a mounted escort to Madison Square, where a mass meeting will be held at noon.

**DIED.**

BONELL, Margaret Bonnell. Funeral services at the City National Church, 241 West Twenty-third street (Frank Campbell Bldg.). Time of funeral hereafter. Automobile cortege.

BREWER.—Suddenly at South Orange, N. J., on Sunday, August 24, 1918, George H. Brewer, in his 64th year, beloved husband of Alice Humphrey and son of William A. and Bella C. Brewer.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 301 South Orange avenue, South Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, August 26, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from the home of Mrs. J. H. Brewster, 100 South Orange road. Interment private.

**DIED.**

BONELL, Margaret Bonnell. Funeral services at the City National Church, 241 West Twenty-third street (Frank Campbell Bldg.). Time of funeral hereafter. Automobile cortege.

## COURT SCORES LOOSE DIVORCE EVIDENCE

Appellate Division, Reversing Decision, Lays Down New Principles.

### HITS AT TRIAL JUDGES

Declares They Decide Cases on Basis of Good Taste, Not on Law.

Reproof for the Judge who tried the case, the husband who was plaintiff and a woman neighbor who was the chief witness, is given in a decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Second Department, setting aside a decree of divorce granted to Robert B. Graham from Lottie C. Graham. The court finds that the defendant was justified in trying to avert the suspicions of a rural community, and rules as to the quality of evidence required in a divorce case.

The parties to the suit lived at Putnam, N. Y., where Mrs. Graham was a school teacher. Graham accused his wife of improper conduct with her cousin, Thomas Anderson, seventeen years younger than herself.

Justice Woodward, writing the unanimous opinion of the court, said that if the divorce decree was sustained "it must be because it requires less evidence to support an alleged breach of the marriage contract than would be necessary in almost any other relation in life."

He declares the case brought out upon the trial "do not arise to the dignity of proof, and are entirely consistent with innocence of the offence charged, though undoubtedly lacking in the element of discretion and good taste."

Justice Woodward said that trial judges who in determining a question of fact relating to the title of real estate would accurately weigh the evidence, "in a question affecting the marriage relation might be entirely governed by their standards of morals of what a woman should or should not do under a given state of facts."

**Not Question of Good Taste.**

Justice Woodward said that the appellate court has "nothing to do with the questions of good taste nor of abstract morality," and that the marriage relation is a question of fact, and that the trial judge in examining the respondent.

The trial judge had asked Anderson: